

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the subject patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-50 and 52-70 are currently pending in the application. Claims 26-33, 37-50, 52-56, and 70 are allowed, claims 1-10, 17-18, 34, 36, 57-58, 62, and 66-69 stand rejected, and claims 11-16, 19-25, 59-61, and 63-65 are objected to.

The Examiner states that claims 11-16, 19-25, 59-61, and 63-65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended these claims to include the limitations of the corresponding independent claim and/or intervening claim, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicant submits that these claims are now allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits an early Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or

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